

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 and 22-28 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 19, and 24 are in independent form.

In the action mailed May 21, 2008, claims 1-18 and 24-28 were allowed and claims 21-23 were recognized as reciting allowable subject matter. The recognition of allowable subject matter is appreciatively noted.

In response thereto, claim 19 has been amended to recite subject matter drawn from allowable claim 21. Further, claim 21 has been canceled and claims 22 and 23 amended to depend directly from claim 19.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

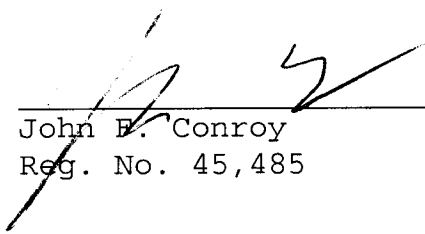
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as

specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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